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MINUTES, &c.

The introductory sermon was preached by Wm. H. Jordan, from 1st Cor. chap. and 59th v.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Alfred Dockery. Prayer by J. J. Finch

Appointed Ransom Sanders, Joseph Broughton, J. F. Ellington, Lovett Spivey and Isaac Stallings, a committee to select preachers for the stand, during the session of the Convention.

Appointed T. B. Barnett, and Jeremiah Solomon, a committee of Finance.

Contributions were received from the following churches, Societies, Associations and Individuals.

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Counties.	Ch's. Societies, &c.	Delegates.	Post Offices.
Wake,	Raleigh Church,	M. B. Royster,	Raleigh,
"	Wake Forest,	S. Wait, J. B. White, A. J. Battle,	Forestville,
"	Wake Union	Foster Fort,	do.
"	Wake Liberty,	Jeremiah Lassiter	Wake Forest
"	New Salem,	Anderson Yates,	Holly Springs,
"	Holly Spring,	Needham Norris,	do.
"	Mt. Moriah,	Daniel Du Pre, Sr.	Busbee's Store,
"	Rolesville,	W. A. Atkinson,	Rolesville,
"	Wake Cross Roads,	L. Cook, J. P. Robinson,	do
"	Raleigh Association,	J. Dennis, W. Yates S. H. Dunn.	Raleigh,
"			do.
"	J. L. Holoman,		
Chatham,	Rock Spring,	Geo. W. Thompson,	Pittsboro,
"	Mt. Gilliad,	Joshua Williams *	Hackny's ⋊ Roads,
Craven,	Newbern,	J. J. Finch, J. C. Stevenson	Newbern,
Cumberland,	Friendship,	D. S. Williams,	Averysboro,
"	Fay. Female Bapt. S.	John M'Daniel,	Fayetteville,
"	Cape Fear Bapt. As.	J. C. Averett,* J. Gains,* M. Watson, *	do
	JohnPurify,		do.
Richmond,	Cartledges Creek,	Alfred Dockery,	Dockery's Store.
Johnson,	Johnson Liberty,	J. Boon, N. Bryant,	Busbee's Store.
	Smithfield,	R. Sanders. R. T. Sanders D. Lunsford & W. H. M'Cullers,	Smithfield.
Sampson,	Bulah Church,	Rufus Hines,	Clinton,
Duplin,	Goshen Association,	M. Blount, F. B. Miller, *	Lenansville,
Pitt,	Greenville,	N. A. Purify, by do.	Greenville,
Edgecomb,	Tarborough,		Tarborough,
Bertie,	Sandy Run,	David Harrell,	Brit's ⋊ Roads,
"	Chowan Association,	Dr. S. J. Wheeler, T. Meredith, Dr. S. Webb, J. L. Pritchard, G. W. Thompson.	Murfreesboro,
Hertford,	Pleasant Grove,	Dr. J. C. Moore,	Rich Square,
Chowan,	Edenton,	T. Waff, M. T. Gregory,	Edenton,
Franklin,	Tar River Asso.	T. Crocker,* J. Solomon	Louisburg,
Granville,	Hesters,	W. Gordon, T. Badgett,	Oxford,
"	Grassy Creek,	T. B. Barnett,	Waterloo,
"	Island Creek,	W. H. Jordan,	Williamsboro,
"	Flat River Asso.	W. Jones, Geo. W. Jones,	Oxford,
Orange,	Bulah Association,	G. W. Purify, A. Blackwood.	Hillsboro,
"	Antioch,	J. M. Beaver.	do
"	Mars Hill,	Thos. S. Fawcitt.	do.
"	Sister Graham,	John C. Howell,	do.
Person,	Olive Branch,	R. D. Bumpas, J. Y. Wilkinson,	Dutchville,
Caswell,	Trinity Church,	R. M'Nabb,	Yanceville,
Rowan,	Eatons,	Israel N. Rich,	Farmington,
Surry,	Barton Robey,		Rockford
Ashe,	R. Jacks, E. Hightower,		Jefferson,

* Absent.

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Proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—

PRESIDENT,	A. DOCKERY,
1st. VICE PRESIDENT,	T. MEREDITH,
2nd. VICE PRESIDENT,	C. W. SKINNER,
3rd. VICE PRESIDENT,	S. WAIT,
COR. SECRETARY,	W. H. JORDAN,
REC. SECRETARY,	J. McDANIEL,
TREASURER,	A. J. BATTLE.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Thomas Crocker, J. B. White, W. T. Brooks, James Dennis, W. A. Atkinson, M. D. Freeman, David Justice, W. Jones, James S. Purify, Geo. W. Thompson, Geo. W. Jones, J. Solomon, R. D. Bumpas. J. J. Finch, Geo. M. Thompson, S. H. Dunn, Albert G. Hinton, Thomas D. Oldham.

An invitation was extended by the President, to corresponding and visiting brethren to sit with us.

The committee on Tracts, reported, report laid on the table.

Appointed J. J. Finch, R. T. Sanders, T. B. Barnett, Geo. M. Thompson, and Needham Norris, a committee to report on the expediency of having an agent, if one should be advised to recommend a suitable person.

Appointed J. L. Pritchard, W. H. Jordan, and Samuel Wait, a Committee to nominate twenty persons, from whom ten may be elected by the Trustees of Wake Forest College, to fill vacancies in their Board.

Appointed R. T. Sanders, David Harrell and M. Royster, a committee to solicit donations to defray the expenses of the Delegates to the Triennial Convention in May last.

Appointed Geo. M. Thompson alternate to P. W. Dowd, to preach the sermon, on behalf of the Convention at 11 o'clock on Sabbath.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning. Prayer by S. Wait.

Saturday morning Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by J. L. Pritchard.

Names of Delegates called over.

Moved that the report on Tracts be re-committed with instructions to embrace the American Baptist Publication and S. S. Society, and that J. J. Finch, be added to the committee.

The committee on S. Schools reported, report was laid on the table.

Moved that the reports on Home and Foreign Missions be called for at the close of the morning sermon. and that information of this arrangement be announced at the stand, that those who wish to hear these reports and the remarks that will follow, may have an opportunity to attend.

The committee to nominate twenty persons from whom Trustees to Wake Forest College, are to be elected, reported, report received and committee discharged.

Moved that the following extracts from the catalogue of W. College be inserted in our minutes, with a request that the associations of our denomination, friendly to this Convention will insert the same, in their minutes.

COMMENCEMENT AND SESSION OF W. F. COLLEGE.

The commencement is on the third Thursday in June.

The *first session* will commence on the second Monday in August, and close on th third Thurseay in December.

The *second session* will commence on the second Monday in January, and close on the third Thursday in June.

The *vacations* are from the third Thursday in December, to the second Monday in January; and from the third Thursday in June to the first Monday in August.

The committee on Home Missions reported. The acceptance of there-port. was moved by J. J Finch, and urged by some appropriate and interesting remarks. Geo. M. Thompson, seconded the motion and followed it with feeling appeals in behalf of the Home Mission department—report received, and ordered to be appended to the minutes—see letter A.

The committee on Foreign Missions reported. The acceptance of the report was moved by S. Wait. and sustained by an affecting history of Foreign Missions. it was seconded by W. H. Jordan, who also added some most interesting incidents connected with that history, together with some views of the character of the Heathen world, calculated to interest all the sympathy of christians in their behalf. Report received, and ordered to be appended to the minutes—see letter B.

The Missionary Hymn, 'From Greenland's' icey mountains was then sung with lively interest by the Convention.

Prayer was also offered up to God for the success of Missions, by W. H. Jordan.

The Committee on Education, in the absence of its Chairman, presented the following resolutions as a substitute for the report, which were adopted, and committee discharged.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that there are pleasing indications of increased attention to the importance of Education throughout our state.

Resolved, That the success which has hitherto attended the operations of Wake Forest College, calls for our sincerest gratitude to God; and should encourage its friends to increased efforts, to relieve it from all its pecuniary embarrassments.

The committee on Temperance reported, report laid on the table, and committee discharged.

The committee on the state of Religion, in N. Carolina, begged to be excused, on account of the absence of their Chairman.

Moved, That the committee be excused and discharged.

J. J. Finch, the only delegate who attended the Triennial Convention, held in Baltimore, in May last, reported the result of his observations whilst at the Convention, and stated that the large majority of that body were entirely opposed to making "Slave-holding" a test of christian fellowship, and that he witnessed the strongest attachment between the northern and southern members of the Baptist Church.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by J. J. Finch.

The exercises on Sabbath, were conducted by N. A. Purify, Geo. M Thompson, J. J. Finch, and R. M'Nabb. The congregation was large and attentive. We pray that a blessing may attend the labors of this day.

Sabbath collection, in behalf of the Convention, $29,85.

MONDAY MORNING.

Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Geo. W. Purify.

The committee on Periodicals reported, report received and committee discharged.

Resolved, That we consider it important to the interests of our denomination, that a Baptist Religious Periodical, shall be published in our State.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Baptists of the State, to form an organization, to sustain a Religious Periodical.

Resolved, That J. J. Finch, be authorized to solicit names to carry the above resolution into effect.

Moved that our Missionaries be called upon to report.

S. Senter, reported that he had labored 55 days in the field to which he was appointed, and had received from sundry persons, the sum of $18,30 for Home Missions.

G. M. Thompson, had labored 42 days, where he was directed, but received no funds.

B. Robey, travelled and preached 163 days, had attended several associations, and received for Home Missions, $22 70. For Foreign Missions $1, 25, and for Education $1,25. Gave as a donation to Home Missions $10.

R. Jacks, reported 107 days service, had received for the Home Mission Fund, $2,50. Gave to Home Missions, as a donation $10.

R. McNabb, labored 60 days in his field, received for Home Missions $81,25; for Foreign Missions, $3 25, and a balance of unpaid subscriptions of $15, to be collected shortly.

Resolved, That the corresponding Secretary, prepare from these reports, a report of the Board, to be published with these minutes.

Appointed, S. Wait, T. B. Barnett, and Dr. S. J. Wheeler, a com-

mittee to nominate, and fix the compensation for Missionaries, for next year.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to T. Meredith, fifty dollars. for printingm inutes of last year.

Appointed, S. Wait, T. Meredith, J. McDaniel W: A. Atkinson, and A. Dockery, delegates to the Baptist State Convention of South Carolina.

Appointed W. H. Jordan, T. B. Barnett, J. L. Pritchard, N. Palmer, and Dr. G. C. Moore, Delegates to the Baptist State Convention of Virginia.

Appointed, S. Wait, W. H. Jordan, J. L. Pritchard and G. C. Moore, a committee to nominate ten additional persons from whom the trustees of Wake Forest College may select five to fill vacancies in their Board.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay to the Trustees of Wake Forest College, $25,50 for tuition of M. T. Yates, one of the Benificiarys of the Convention in the College Department; also to pay to W. T. Brooks, $40 for Board of M. T. Yates, the Fall session of 1841, also to pay $15,50 for tuition of ——— Honeycut, a Benificiary of this body for the Fall session of 1841. in the English Department.

Resolved, That $200 be appropriated from the Home Mission, to the Foreign Mission Fund, as directed at the last session of the Convention. Further resolved, That the balance of the Home Mission Fund be divided pro ratia, amongst the Missionaries, with an assurance that they shall be paid in full out of the first monies that may come to hand

The committee to nominate ten persons from whom the Trustees of Wake Forest College, may fill vacancies in their Board, reported, report received, and committee discharged.

Appointed the following standing committees to report to the next session of the convention.

On Home Missions, W. H. Jordan, S. Wait, and W. A. Atkinson.

On Foreign Missions, S. J. Wheeler, Dr. G. C. Moore, and G. M. Thompson.

On Education, J. B. White, D. S. Williams, and David Harrell.

On Sabbath Schools, J. L. Pritchard, Geo. M. Jones, and J. P. Robertson.

On Publications, J. J. Finch, N. A. Purify and R. M'Nabb.

On Periodicals, T. B. Barnett, W. Jones, and R. D. Bumpas.

The committee on Tracts, and the A. B. Publication, and S. S. Society, reported, report received, and committee discharged.

Resolved, That we view the organization of the Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society, as an institution, eminently designed to promote the cause of our Redeemer, and the interest of the Baptist denomination; and that we recommend our Ministers, and Churches to extend their aid in the support of this Society, by procuring Tracts, Theological and Sunday School Books from the general Depository in Philadelphia. Application should be made to B. R. Loxley, No. 21, south Fourth street Philadelphia, as general agent.

Resolved, That this Convention, approbate the plan suggested by many brethren of preparing a denominational Hymn Book, by the American Baptist Publication and S. S. Society.

Resolved, That our agent, and Missionaries, if any should be appointed, be requested to ascertain as far as practicable, how many Baptist associations there are in the State, how many Ministers, and Churches, and their Post Offices; and how many members have been baptized during the year 1841, and to forward the same, to Dr. S. J. Wheeler, Post Master, at Murfeesboro, N. C.

Resolved, That the reports on Home and Foreign Missions, be appended to the minutes and that all others be laid on the table.

The committee on the agency reported, that they deemed it highly important, that an agent should be employed for the Convention, and recommended A. J. Battle, as a suitable person for an agent.

Resolved, That A. J. Battle, be appointed agent for the Convention, for the next twelve months.

Appointed J. B. White, R. T. Sanders, and Daniel Du Pree, a committee to procure an agent in case A. J. Battle, should decline accepting

Appointed, a committee to prepare an address to our denomination, urging and persuading them to more active exertions in sustaining the objects of the Convention, and that the address be published in the Recorder, and in these minutes.

Resolved, That we accept with thankfulness, the generous offer of D. S. Williams, G. M. Thompson, J. Dennis, G. W. Purify, R. M'Nabb, R. Jacks, and Barton Robey, to render gratuitous missionary service of from one to two months in different parts of the State during the ensuing year.

Adjourned 'till Tuesday Morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by R. M'Nabb.

Tuesday Morning.

Convention met at 8 o'clock. Prayer by W. A. Atkinson.

Resolved, That our agent be allowed five hundred Dollars, as compensation for his services.

Resolved, That M. T. Yates, be continued as a Beneficiary of the Convention, for the next year, to remain at Wake Forest College.

Whereas, upon a free consultation among the Delegates, and members of Johnson Liberty, they have agreed to relinquish their claim on the Convention, for its next session to be held with them, upon condition, that whenever they ask for the Convention, after the year 1843, it is to be given them; therefore, Resolved, That the next session be held with the Meherrin Church, near Murfreesboro, Hertford county, N. C., to commence on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in October, 1842.

Appointed Dr. S. J. Wheeler, B. Robey, and Geo. W. Purify, a committee on the statisics of our denomination in this State, to report to the next session.

Appointed J. J. Finch, to preach the Introductory sermon next session, and G. W. Purify, to be his alternate.

Appointed W. H. Jordan, to preach on Sabbath, in behalf of the Convention, and S. Wait, to be his alternate.

The committee to solicit funds to defray the expenses of our delegates to the Triennial Convention reported, report received, and committee discharged.

The committee on the association, to sustain a religious Periodical in the Sate reported.

Moved That the committee be continued, and that A. Dockery, T. B. Barnett, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, and A. J. Battle, be added to the Committee to report to the next session.

Moved, That a vote of thanks, be tendered to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for their hospitable entertainment of the present session.

Resolved, That 1500 copies of the minutes, be printed and distributed by the Recording Secretary.

Resolved, That a package of not less than ten copies of the minutes, be sent to each auxillary of this body.

Ordered, That the Treasurer, forward to the Treasurer of the Triennial Convention, the sum of $400.

Resolved, That the Missionaries, who have tendered their services gratuitously to the Convention, be requested to use such measures as they deem proper, to prevail on our churches, to send funds, and delegates to the next session of the Convention.

Appointed S. Wait, to prepare a respectful notice of the late J. Culpepper, sr., to be appended to these minutes.

The following brethren, in consideration of the deficiency of funds in the Home Mission Department, have loaned to the Convention the sums annexed to their names, to enable the Convention to pay to its Missionaries, all that may be due them. James Dennis, $10; Alfred Dockery, $10; R. T. Sanders, $10; W. H. Jordan, $10; Ransom Sanders, $10 T. B. Barnett, $10; Dr. G. C. Moore, $10; N. A. Purify, $5; R. D Bumpas, $5; John Y. Wilkerson, $5; R. M'Nabb, $10; and Geo. M Thompson, $10. The above sums to be returned to those persons, who have loaned them or their assigns, from the Home Mission Fund, at the next session of this body.

Adjourned, by appropriate addresses from W. H. Jordan, and J. J. Finch. Prayer by S. Wait. A. DOCKERY, President.

A. J. Battle, Rec. Sec. pro-tem.

Proceedings of the Board of Managers, at its meeting at Wake Forest College, June 16th, 1841.

A. Dockery, President, took the chair. Prayer by J. B. White.

Members present—D. Justice, D. Thompson, T. B. Barnett, Geo. M. Thompson, J. S. Purify, and A. J. Battle.

Moved, That A. J. Battle, be excused from the committee, to appoint Missionarits, and that D. Thompson and R. T. Sanders, be added to the committee, and requested to appoint the missionaries, and appoint them to labor.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay to M. D. Freeman, $40, for the board of M. T. Yates', Beneficiary for the Fall session of 1840; also to pay the Trustees of Wake Forest College, $20,50, for Tuition of M. T. Yates, Fall session of 1840, and $20 50, for do. spring session of 1841, in the classical department; also, $15,50, for tuition of —— Honeycutt', Spring Session of 1841, in the English Department.

Adjourned. Prayer by George M. Thompson.

A. DOCKERY, President.

A. J. Battle, Rec. Secretary, pro-tem.

Contributions paid to R. M'Nabb, for the Convention.

Counties	Names of Donors.	H. M.	F. M.	Ed.	Total.
Granville,	John Bullock,	3,00			3,00
"	Moses Neal,	1,25			1,25
"	Dr. Hare,	1,00			1,00
"	J. H. Norwood,	1,00			1,00
"	N. Satterwhite,	50			50
"	J. Norwood, 25, J. P. Davis, 50,	75			75
"	L. Barnett, 50, N. Norwood, 50,	1,00			1,00
"	Thos. B. Barnett.	5,00			5,00
"	J. Stovall,	1,00			1,00
"	W. Stovall, 50, F. Hester, 25,	75			75
"	J. S. Overby,	2,00			2,00
"	W. A. Moody,	1,00			1,00
"	F. Hester, jr. 25, J. F. Yancey, 50,	75			75
"	L. Pittard, 25, M. A Stovall, 50,	75			75
"	Grassy Creek Church,		3,25		3,25
"	H. Fowler, $2,00, R. Suit, $1,00	3,00			3,00
"	W. H. Jordan,	3,00			3,00
"	E. Stone,	50			50
Caswell,	Richard Ferguson,	50			50
"	Calvin Graves,	5,00			5,00
"	Thos. W. Graves,	5,00			5,00
"	Sidney Lee,	5,00			5,00
"	W. Russell,	5,00			5,00
"	Alexis Howard,	3,00			3,00
"	S. Sergeant,	5,00			5,00
Hertford,	J. L. Pritchard,	1,00			1,00
	Mrs. Hopkins, Danville Va.	50			50
Rockiugham,	R. W. Lawson,	5,00			5,00
	Mrs. E. Washington Newbern.	20,00			20,00
		81,25	3,25		84,50
	Bio. M'Nabb, labored 60 days.				

Contributions paid to S. Sumpter, for Home Missions.

May's Chapel,	1 00
E. Fisher,	80
John Underwood,	1 00
Flat Rock Church,	2 10
Lucy Lee,	25
J. E. Lee,	25
Mary Rutherford,	25
J. Wiggins,	50
Spring Branch Church,	5 40
Taylor's Branch Church,	2 25
Hesant Union Church,	25
Rhoan, Church,	50
Bear Marsh Church,	75
Nathan T. Allen,	50
Josiah Underwood,	50
	$18 30

Brother Senter has travelled 55 days, and Baptised 5 persons.

Contributions paid to Barton Robey, for the Conventinon.

Counties.	Names of Donors	H. M.	F. M.	Educ.	Total.
Ashe,	Henry Hardin,	50			50
"	Richard Hardin,	50			50
"	Richard Jacks,	85			85
"	Buckner Tatum,	33			33
"	South Fork Church,	1,00			1,00
"	Barzilla M'Bride,	1,50			1,50
"	Mr. Watson,	70			70
"	Mr. Testament,	50			50
"	Jonathan Jones,	50			50
"	Stephen Ross,	50			50
"	Richard Jentry,	1,00			1,00
"	Colored Woman,	12			12
"	Lewis Walton,	75			75
Jefferson C. H.	Mr. Hamilton,	1,00			1,00
"	R. Jacks,	50			50
"	Bro. Shuts,	10			10
"	Sister Shuts,	25			25
"	Bro. Deboard,	25			25
"	Mr. Baker,	50			50
"	Sister Jacks,	50			50
Grayson, Va.	Elisha Anderson.	1,00			1,00
Rye Valley,		85			85
Iredell,	Rachel Holmon,	1,00			1,00
Surry,	Nancy Spur,	1,00			1,00
"	Isaac Rights.	50			50
Caldwell,	Jesse More,	20			20
"	Daniel More,	20			20
"	Isaac Shurrill,	25			25
"	George Powell,	50			50
"	Jesse Reid,	25			25
"	Houston Holtsclaw,	25			25
"	W. Wedlock,	25			25
Davie,	W. H Hamner,	2,00			2,00
Wilkes,	Sarah Hendron,	15			15
	Jaber Hendron,	20			20
	Ephraim Cook,	25			25
	Aurilla Cleaveland	25		25	50
	Benj. P. Martin,	50	25	25	1,00
	Mary Martin,	25		25	50
	James Martin,	1,00	50	50	2,00
	Robert Martin,		50		50
		22,70	1,25	1,25	25,20
	Bro. Robey, labored 163 days.				

Report on Contributions.

Counties.	Churches, &c.	H. M.	F. M.	Edu.	Total
Wake,	Raleigh Church,	9 00	1 00		10,00
"	Wake Forest,	7 70	4 20	18 50	30,40
"	Wake Union,	5 00		5 00	10,00
"	Wake Liberty,	14 35			14,35
"	New Salem,	5 00	5 00		10,00
"	Holly Spring,		10 00		10,00
"	Mount Moriah,	53 8	3 38	3 38	12,14
"	Ro esville,		10 00		10,00
"	Wake Cross Roads,	75	21 45		22,00
"	Raleigh Association,	6 34	6 34	6 34	19,02
"	John L. Holoman,	3 50	3 50	3 00	10,00
"	Sister Sarah D. Bentley,	5 00			5,00
Chatham,	Rock Spring, of which,				
"	Sister Man y, paid $2,00				
"	Sister Thompson, paid $2,00				
"	George Harman, paid $2,00	2 00	2 00	6 00	10,00
"	John Thompson, paid $200,				
"	Geo. W. Thompson, paid $2,00				
"	Mount Giead,	5 00	5 00		10,00
Craven,	Newbern,	17 30	6 00	5 00	28,30
Cumberland,	Friendship,	10 00			10,00
"	Fay. Female Bap. Society,	4 48	4 48	4 49	13,45
"	Cape Fear Bap. Asso.	15 00	15 00	7 17	37,17
"	John Purify,	3 50	3 50	3 00	10,00
Richmond,	Cartledge's Creek,	23 00	2 00	5 00	30,00
Johnson,	Johnson Liberty,	10 00	5 00	5 00	20,00
"	Smithfie'd,	28 75	4 75	6 50	40,00
Sampson,	Bulah Church,	10 00			10,00
Duplin,	Goshen Association,	20 00			20,00
Pitt,	Greenville,	5 00	5 00		10,00
	Mrs. C. Clements,		10		10
Edgcombe,	Tarborough,	10 00	5 00	5 00	20,00
Bertie,	Sandy Run,	11 25			11,25
"	Chowan Association,	18 00	18 00	18 20	54,20
Hertford,	Pleasant Grove,	10 00			10,00
Chowan,	Edenton,	5 50	7 00	7 50	20,00
Franklin,	Tar River Association,	10 00		10 00	20,00
Granville,	Hester's	6 75	6 75	6 75	20,25
"	Flat River Association,	6 66	6 67	6 67	20,00
Orange,	Bulah Association,	8 92	8 93	8 93	26,78
"	Mar's Hill,		5 00	5 50	10,00
"	Antioch,	10 00		5 00	10,00
"	Sister Graham,	5 00	5 00		10,00
Person,	Olive Branch,	8 75	12 00		20,75
Caswell,	Trinity Church,	10 00			10,00
Rowan,	Eatons,	8 00	2 00		10,00
Surry,	Barton Robey,	10 00			10,00
Ashe.	Richard Jacks,	10 00			10,00
	Epaphroditus Hightower,	20 00			20,00
	Sabbath Collection,	9 95	9 95	9 95	29,85
	Collection by R. M'Nabb,	81 25	3 25		84,50
	Do. by B. Robey,	22 70	1 25	1 25	25,20
	Do. by R. Jacks,	2 50			2,50
	Do. by S. Senter.	18 30			18,30
		519,58	208 50	157 63	885 71

Treasurer's Report.

A. J. Battle, Trea. to N. B. S. Con.	H. M.	F. M.	Edu.	Total.
To ballance on hand O ct. 5, 1840		791 37	388 08	630 73
To cash of Meherrin ch. by S. J. Wheeler,	6 50			6 50
To cash of Raleigh Asso. by J. Dennis,	3 87	3 87	3 88	11 62
To contributions to this meeting,	519 58	208 50	157 63	885 71
To cash loaned by sundry persons.	105 00			105 00
	634 95	1003,74	549 59	1639 56
Contra.				
By cash overpaid Home Mission Fund.	548 72			
By cash pd. M. D. Freeman for board of M. T. Yates, Fall session, 1840			40 00	40 00
By cash p'd. J. B. White, Tr. W. F. C. for tuition M. T. Yates & Honeycut,				97 50
By cash p'd. Barton Robey, for 162 days Missionary service.	163 00		97 50	163 00
By cash p'd R. Jacks, for 107 days Missionary service,	107 00			107 00
By cash p'd R. M'Nabb, for 60 days Missionary service,	60 00			60 00
By cash p'd M. Thompson, for 42 days Missionary service,	42 00			42 00
By cash p'd. S. Senter, for 55 days Missionary service.	55 00			55 00
By cash p'd to F. Mission Fund, by order of Convention,	200 00			200 00
By cash p'd T. Meredith, for Minutes,	16 66	16 66	16 66	50 00
By cash p'd. H. Lincoln, Trea. of Triennial Convention of U. S.		400 00		400 00
By premium on check.		4 00		4 00
Postage of letter,		25		25
	1192 38	420 93	154 16	1218,75
Ballance on hand, Oct. 18th, 1841.		582 81	395 43	420 81
Amount overpaid H. M. Fund,	557 43			

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE N. C. BIBLE SOCIETY, AT ITS FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING AT JOHNSON LIBERTY, JOHNSON COUNTY, Oct. 16th, 1841.

The meeting was called to order by the 1st. Vice President, W. H. Jordan, taking the Chair. Prayer by D. Harrell.

Appointed T. B. Barnett, J. Dennis, M. D. Freeman, and R. D. Bumpas, a committee on finance.

On motion, invitation was given to Auxilliary Societies, and individuals, to become members of this Society.

The following presented themselves:

Olive Branch, by R. D. Bumpas,	4 50
Chowan As. by G. C. Moore, } G. M. Thompson. D. Harrell, }	12 00
W. F. Col. B. S. by J. B. White,	30 00
Meherrin ch. by Dr. S. Wheeler,	18 00
Bulah Association,	1 00
Alfred Dockery,	5 00
J. L. Holloman, an old sub.	5 00
S. D. Bentley, " to E. Kingsford	5 00
Daniel Dupree, do. do.	10 00
C. D. Dupree, do. do.	5 00
R. B. Dupree, do. do.	1 00
C. Dupree, do. do.	1 00
A. F. Dupree, do. do.	1 00
Julia Fitts, do. do.	25
M. L. Finch, old sub.	5 00
M. Barber, do. do.	1 00
M. C. Barber, do. do.	1 00
W. Jones, do. do.	1 00
Lovett Spivey, do. do.	50
D. S. Williams,	1 00
N. Purify,	1 00
Sister E. F. Brooks,	1 00
Dr. G. F. Moore,	1 00
J. P. Robertson,	50
J. Dennis,	50
C. Dennis,	50
Dr. Montague,	25
Sarah M'Cullers,	25
Sister Smith,	10
John Holt,	1 00
R. M'Nabb,	1 00
M. D. Freeman,	50
F. Fort,	1 00
John M'Daniel,	50
A. M. Veazy,	1 00
W. A. Atkinson,	50
E. L. Atkinson,	
E. Norris,	1 77
Sundry persons names not known.	153 00

W. H. & Elizabeth Jordan,	5 00
Euridice Miller,	3 00
H. Haddy of Tennessee,	2 50
R. T. Sanders,	2 00
Mrs. E. Crenshaw,	1 00
Miss A. C. Crenshaw,	1 00
Miss Eliza D. Fort,	1 00
T. B. Barnett,	1 00
E. Barnett,	1 00
Sister Julia Sanders,	1 00
Sister Elizabeth Sanders,	1 00
Sister E. Manly,	1 00
Sister L. A. Hastings,	50
Sarah M'Cullers,	50
S. D. Pate,	50
Wm. H. M'Cullers,	50
J. D. Bridges,	50
J. Boon,	1 00
W. Boon,	1 00
Jas. Dunn,	50
J. Holt,	1 00
D. Terrell,	38
Patsey Gulley,	1 00
Delia Williams,	25
C. S. Williams,	1 00
William Jones,	1 00
B. Jones,	25

UNPAID SUBSCRIBERS.

S. H. Dunn,	1 00
R. Jacks,	1 00
G. W. Purify,	1 00
L. Purify,	1 00
J. M. Braver,	1 00
Martha Ryan,	50
Alexander D. Blackwood,	1 00
W. Perkins,	1 00
Soloman Terrill,	2 00
Jeremiah Lassiter,	25
W. Gordon,	1 00
G. W. Jones,	1 00
Lovett Spivey,	50
H. S. Williams,	1 00
B. Horton,	50
J. F. Ellington,	25

On motion, appointed T. MEREDITH, PRESIDDENT,

WM. H. JORDAN, } Vice Presidents.
SAML. WAIT, }
D. S. WILLIAMS, Cor. Secretary,
A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Secretary,
ALFRED DOCKERY, Trea.

W. H. Merritt, Ransom Sanders, C. W. Skinner, Dr. G. C. Moore, Dr. S. J. Wheeler, Jas. M'Daniel, J. J. Finch, R. M'Nabb, M. D. Freeman, T. B. Barnett, J. B. White, G. Douglass, A. Howard, G. W. Purify, J. Fooshee, Dr. W. M. Crenshaw, J. S. Williams and R. T. Sanders, the Board of Managers.

The Cor. Sec. begged to be excused for not presenting a report of the Board.

Moved, That he be excused with the request that he will present a full report from the proceedings of the A. and F. Bible Society.

Resolved, That, the Treaurer, forward the money in hand to the Treasurer of the American and Foreign Bible Society, to the next meet- of this Society.

Moved, That the minutes be printed as usual.

Adjourned. Prayer by Geo. W. Purify.

W. H. JORDAN, President pro-tem.

A. J. BATTLE, Recording Sec.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions, ask leave to report:

That, they have had the subject of H. Missions under consideration and they are led to believe it is one of immense importance. This is manifest not only from the fact, that by this department of our labor, the gospel is preached to many who would otherwise be destitute, but also from the consideration, that the operation of Home Missions, is favorable to all the other benevolent efforts of the day.

In the opinion of your committee, if this branch of our business, be suffered to languish, all the others will suffer with it. Some of our brethren seem to confine their attention to the Foreign Mission.

The great importance of the Foreign Mission, is at once admitted. Your committee feel in its prosperity, a most lively interest. But they are satisfied that its success will be found identified with the success of Home Missions. And the same we think, may be said of each of the other objects, for the promotion of which we are laboring. That we are not mistaken in our calculation, we think will at once appear, if we appeal to facts. So far, as our own observations have extended, it has invariably appeared, that when the Home Mission has prospered, all the other benevolent institutions have prospered with it. And when the Home Mission has been on the decline, all the other departments of benevolent effort, have also declined with it.

We regard, therefore, the Home Mission, as the ground work, and support of all the other objects of benevolent effort.

And after all, your committee are wholly unable to decide upon the course that ought to be pursued. It is believed, that the Home Mission is in debt. And it is known that many of our brethren feel unwilling to increase that debt, by any additional appointments.

What then shall be done ? This question the committee are under the necessity of leaving to the decision of the Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL WAIT, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," plainly makes it the duty of christians, to aim at the universal spread of truth, and shows that their work will not be accomplished, nor their obligations cease, till the nations now sunk in darkness, shall see the light of life. That it is the purpose of God, to preach the gospel to the whole world, by the instrumentality of man, no one can doubt who is capable of interpreting the plain language of Scripture. The only point, where any difference of opinion can arise, is found in the means and the manner of laboring for the salvation of the Heathen. And hence, the opposers of Missionary operations, finding it impossible to object to the end, sought to be promoted consistently with any respect for scripture, have had recourse to the lame apology, that the *measures* employed are wrong, and unscriptural. But the duty to send the gospel to the Heathen, involves the duty to do it in some way. How then is it to be done? The gospel cannot be preached to the Heathen without preachers, and preachers cant' preach without means to subsist upon. Nor can the Bible be printed and circulated without means, and means to any thing like, a sufficient amount cannot be raised without efforts and measures, such as are employed by our Conventions, Missionary Societies, &c. If then such measures are indispensable to the attainment of the object, and in no way, infringe upon the rights or freedom of any one, where is the ground for objection to them? and who can oppose the measures without indirectly opposing their object—the salvation of the Heathen?

But among those who approve of the object, and the measures, there is an insensibility to the perishing condition of the Heathen, which is little less injurious than down right opposition. This insensibility, is manifested in the monthly concert of prayer, in the little that is contributed, and the little that is done to send the Bible, and the living ministry to those who are ignorant of God, and of the way of salvation by Jesus Christ. In this remark, we of course, allude to what is done in the limits of this State; and it is with a mingled feeling of regret and pleasure, that we designate all the limitations of our remark,—regret because

we are so much behind in Missionary zeal, and active benevolence and pleasure, because others are doing their duty, if we neglect ours, and are sustaining the cause of Missions, which, if dependent upon us, would languish and die. The resources of North Carolina are great. Our church here, is numerous, amounting, it is supposed, to the rise of thirty thousand, and our members have enough, and to spare, after supplying their own lawful demands, to keep a full treasury for the Lord. But what have we done—what are we doing for the Heathen? What Missionary, have we raised up, educated and sent beyond the sea, to show unto men benighted, the way of salvation? What laborer in the Missionary field, has been sustained by our contributions, and cheered by our sympathies and prayers, amid his toils and sacrifices? How many children of Heathen parents have we preserved from cruelty and death, and instructed in those principles, which are able to make them arise unto salvation? What dark spot of Heathenism, have we illuminated—what soul there has been rescued from eternal death, through our instrumentality? Something has been done, it is true,—some few hundreds of dollars have been raised among us for Foreign Missions, through the instrumentality of this Convention; but a very large proportion of our members can claim no part nor lot in this matter; and there are hundreds of Baptists in N. Carolina, who never have contributed one cent, to send to the Heathen! It is to these we address the above interrogations—upon these we would press the last command of our Saviour—these we would ask, "How much owest thou thy Lord?"

Why, it is proper to ask, is there such insensibility among us to the condition of the Heathen? Why are so many opposing the measures, which send them the gospel, while many who speak favorably of them are doing nothing for their support? One cause we think is found in the *unfaithfulness of Ministers.* They have not taught the churches their duty on this subject. They have not acquainted them with the condition of the Heathen. They have not manifested themselves, sufficient interest in the missionary enterprize. For many have been fighting against it, while the warmest among us have been far too cold, and inconstant in promoting it. If it be "required of steward's, that a man be found faithful," what will be done with such unfaithfulness, when the ministers of North Carolina shall stand at the judgment bar? What will they say, when with the churches they have led astray, or the members who ha[illegible] slumbered over their duty for the want of proper instruction and exa[illegible]ple, they shall stand together with those Heathen nations, from wh[illegible] they have withheld the word of life? Ministers have more influ[illegible] than ordinray men, and if that influence be not rightly directed, [illegible] more harm than ordinary men. If they treat the cause of miss[illegible] neglect—if they are absent from those meetings, which were org[illegible] for the special purpose of aiding the cause of missions, it reaches [illegible] than the indifference or absence of other men. And it is just su[illegible]

difference as this, that has crippled our energies, and retarded those plans which have been wisely laid for sending the gospel to the destitute.

Another cause is found in the *low tone of piety* that prevails among us. How many seem to think that the gospel requires them only to seek their own salvation? They began their spiritual course in a spirit of selfishness, and in that they have continued. But they have not been faithful even to themselves, they have not lived in an atmosphere of love, peace, and joy—they have not maintained a steady, consistent christian course. Now compare this with the tone of piety found in the New Testament. There it is "counting all things lost, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ"—"forsaking all for him"—"glorifying God, in body and spirit, which are his"—doing good unto all men, as there may be opportunity"—rejoicing in the Lord always." How far below this is the tone of piety that prevails among us? And can it be expected that a people will be concerned to give others benefits, they do not enjoy themselves—that they should be anxious to give the Bible to the Heathen, when they do not prize the Bible themselves—that they should strive to relieve the spiritual poverty of others, when mortal death reigns in their own souls? No.

Another cause of the insensibility above alluded to, is found, we fear, in the *conjectures and speculations* about the *possible* exercise of divine mercy towards the Heathen, viz: That the Heathen may be saved without the Scriptures, or the gospel—that God *can* do it without the appointed means, and as a just and benevolent Being, he *must* do it, or such and such absurd consequences will follow. Now what may possibly be done—what God can or will do, and what is consistent, or inconsistent with his attributes in matters, where he has not instructed us, it little becomes us to assert who are of yesterday, and know nothing. The question is not what God can do, or what he may possibly do, but what he has *directed* as *our* duty—what part he requires us to perform for the salvation of the Heathen. Without presuming to be wise, above what is written, we feel authorized to say that God's *revealed* method of saving sinners, is by means of the gospel; this is employed more or less, in every known case of conversion; and that the scriptures do not warrant the expectation that the Heathen can be saved in entire ignorance of Revelation, or of the gospel of Christ. In the 10th chapter to the Romans, the apostle certainly does teach the indispensableness of the gospel to the salvation of the Heathen. To show the absurdity of the contrary sen- [illegible] adopted the interrogative, instead of the affirmative form of [illegible] but it was no doubt intended as the strongest kind of affirma- [illegible] whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be [illegible] w then shall they call upon him in whom they have not be- [illegible] how shall they believe in him, of whom they have not heard? [illegible] l they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach ex- [illegible] sent?" Here is a chain of dependent causes, making the last

essential to the first. According to the view here taken, calling upon the Lord, is essential to salvation; but a person must believe in him before he can call upon him; and he must hear of him, before he can bejieve in him; and one must be sent to preach to him Jesus, before he can believe in him: ergo, unless the gospel is sent to the Heathen, they cannot be saved. As this conclusion necessarily results from the reasoning of the Apostle, it is impossible to resist it, without rejecting his authority as an inspired teacher.

Until the days of Judson and Rice, the Baptists of America had done comparatively nothing for Heathen nations. Here and there perhaps an individual may have been found who felt concerned for the millions sitting in the region and shadow of death, and a few local societies were doing something for their relief. But there was no regular or extended system of operations, and no foreign field of labor under the care and patronage of American Baptists. The change of sentiment which took place in Messrs. Judson and Rice, on their passage to Burmah, must be acknowledged as the first in that series of causes which has awakened the missionary spirit in our denomination in the U. S., and which has brought into existence, a system of operations which is regularly bearing to the perishing Heathen, the news of salvation. the success which has attended these measures in the past, is sufficient to inspire the highest hope for the future. And that you may form some idea of what has been done, the following particulars are presented, drawn from the latest accounts, which will show the present condition of our Foreign Missions and their claims upon our liberality:

"The number of		Indian Missions is	8
do	do	do Stations and out Stations in do.,	14
do	do	do Missionaries and assistants, &c.	28
do	do	do Native assistants,	11
do	do	do Churches,	12
do	do	do Baptisms the last year,	182
do	do	do Present number of Church members,	800
do	do	do Schools,	6
do	do	do Scholars,	159

The number of		European Missions,	3
do	do	do Stations and out Stations,	21
do	do	do Missionaries and Assistants in do.	7
do	do	do Native preachers and assistants,	19
do	do	do Churches,	25
do	do	do Baptisms the past year,	90
do	do	do Church members,	114

In the mission to West Africa, there are three stations, six missionaries and assistants, one native assistant, one church of 15 members, and three schools, containing 78 scholars.

The number of Asiatic Missions is			8
do	do	do Stations and out stations,	41
do	do	do Missionaries and assistants,	56
do	do	do do Native assistants,	71
do	do	do Churches,	30
do	do	do Baptisms the past year,	214
do	do	do Church members,	1600
do	do	do Schools,	35
do	do	do Scholars,	635

Making a total of 20 missions. 80 stations, and out stations, 97 missions and assistants, 68 churches, 487 baptisms the past year, more than 2900 members of mission churches, 44 schools, and 872 scholars. About 13,350,000 pages of the scriptures and tracts, have been printed during the year, (1840,) Maulmain, Tavoy, and Bankok.

The receipts of the Board for the past year, exclusive of appropriations from other institutions, and of loans, were	$56 948 42
And the expenditures for the same period,	61 860 27
Excess of expenditures above the receipts,	4 911 85
Appropriations from other institutions,	24 100 00

In view of the deficiency of the receipts, the Board to avoid a burdensome debt, adopted a system of limitations, which was to go into effect, 1st of April, 1840. The effect of this upon our missionaries, may be seen in the following extracts: "Mr. Wall of the Tavoy Mission, says," I fear we shall not be able to have any schools the next rains, unless we overrun the sum appropriated to this mission." Mr. Brayton, at another station of the same mission, writes," shall I suspend all operations at once, and send my little band of scholars back to the jungle, *disappointed, cast down, and dismayed?* This is indeed a trying question. I am quite sure, if our American churches, knew the importance of sustaining these schools and native assistants, there would be no want of *funds.*"

"From Siam, July 24, the missionaries write to the Board—" Two ays since, we received yours of March 7, 1840, and last evening we ent in spreading out the case before the throne of Heaven. We are are that the Board are very seriously embarrassed—that many pious li- al hearts in our native land are deeply pained, on account of this em- assment—and that the threatened overthrow of all our missionary ociations would be a most insupportable certainty. Yet we see not w it is possible to relinquish any of our permanent arrangements with-

out a most serious if not fatal wound to the mission. With a confiden hope that our dear brethren in Christ, on being informed of our circumstances, and the threatened ruin of our hopes and labors, and plans, will not only help the Board to sustain our present doings, but enable them to send the men, and means, for a great enlargement, we are resolved to pray to the one God of Missions, where the money and men are, to send us speedily, the needed aid." Brethren, shall it be, that this confidence shall prove to have been misplaced—shall the hopes of our anxious missionaries be disappointed—and shall they be compelled to abandon many of their useful plans, for the want of means? Christian charity answers No—our resources answer No—and the love of Christ should constrain us to answer No.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. FINCH, Chairman.